

The JS44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket record. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ATTACHED)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFF(S)****DEFENDANT(S)****(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF**

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

**COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT**

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED

**(c) ATTORNEYS** (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS)**ATTORNEYS** (IF KNOWN)**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION**

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. GOVERNMENT PLAINTIFF	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 FEDERAL QUESTION (U.S. GOVERNMENT NOT A PARTY)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. GOVERNMENT DEFENDANT	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 DIVERSITY (INDICATE CITIZENSHIP OF PARTIES IN ITEM III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES**

(PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

(FOR DIVERSITY CASES ONLY)

PLF	DEF	PLF	DEF
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
CITIZEN OF THIS STATE			
CITIZEN OF ANOTHER STATE			
CITIZEN OR SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY			
INCORPORATED OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE			
INCORPORATED AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN ANOTHER STATE			
FOREIGN NATION			

**IV. ORIGIN** (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

<input type="checkbox"/> 1 ORIGINAL PROCEEDING	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 REMOVED FROM STATE COURT	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 REMANDED FROM APPELLATE COURT	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 REINSTATED OR REOPENED	TRANSFERRED FROM (Specify District)	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 ANOTHER DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 APPEAL TO DISTRICT JUDGE JUDGMENT
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**V. CAUSE OF ACTION** (CITE THE U.S. CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE - DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY)**(IF COMPLEX, CHECK REASON BELOW)**

<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Unusually large number of parties.	<input type="checkbox"/> 6. Problems locating or preserving evidence
<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Unusually large number of claims or defenses.	<input type="checkbox"/> 7. Pending parallel investigations or actions by government.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3. Factual issues are exceptionally complex	<input type="checkbox"/> 8. Multiple use of experts.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4. Greater than normal volume of evidence.	<input type="checkbox"/> 9. Need for discovery outside United States boundaries.
<input type="checkbox"/> 5. Extended discovery period is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10. Existence of highly technical issues and proof.

**CONTINUED ON REVERSE****FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

RECEIPT # \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

APPLYING IFP \_\_\_\_\_

MAG. JUDGE (IFP) \_\_\_\_\_

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

MAG. JUDGE  
(Referral) \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF SUIT \_\_\_\_\_

CAUSE OF ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)**

<b>CONTRACT - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 150 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT & ENFORCEMENT OF JUDGMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 152 RECOVERY OF DEFALTED STUDENT LOANS (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT OF VETERAN'S BENEFITS	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 VOTING <input type="checkbox"/> 442 EMPLOYMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 443 HOUSING/ ACCOMMODATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 444 WELFARE <input type="checkbox"/> 440 OTHER CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 445 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 BLACK LUNG (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID TITLE XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))
<b>CONTRACT - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>IMMIGRATION - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 INSURANCE <input type="checkbox"/> 120 MARINE <input type="checkbox"/> 130 MILLER ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 140 NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 151 MEDICARE ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 160 STOCKHOLDERS' SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 190 OTHER CONTRACT <input type="checkbox"/> 195 CONTRACT PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 196 FRANCHISE	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 NATURALIZATION APPLICATION <input type="checkbox"/> 465 OTHER IMMIGRATION ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 TAXES (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - THIRD PARTY 26 USC 7609
<b>REAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>OTHER STATUTES - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 210 LAND CONDEMNATION <input type="checkbox"/> 220 FORECLOSURE <input type="checkbox"/> 230 RENT LEASE & EJECTMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 240 TORTS TO LAND <input type="checkbox"/> 245 TORT PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 290 ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTY	<input type="checkbox"/> 463 HABEAS CORPUS- Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 MOTIONS TO VACATE SENTENCE <input type="checkbox"/> 530 HABEAS CORPUS <input type="checkbox"/> 535 HABEAS CORPUS DEATH PENALTY <input type="checkbox"/> 540 MANDAMUS & OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> 550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed Pro se <input type="checkbox"/> 555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed Pro se <input type="checkbox"/> 560 CIVIL DETAINEE: CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 FALSE CLAIMS ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 400 STATE REAPPORTIONMENT <input type="checkbox"/> 430 BANKS AND BANKING <input type="checkbox"/> 450 COMMERCE/ICC RATES/ETC. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 DEPORTATION <input type="checkbox"/> 470 RACKETEER INFLUENCED AND CORRUPT ORGANIZATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 480 CONSUMER CREDIT <input type="checkbox"/> 490 CABLE/SATELLITE TV <input type="checkbox"/> 891 AGRICULTURAL ACTS <input type="checkbox"/> 893 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS <input type="checkbox"/> 895 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 950 CONSTITUTIONALITY OF STATE STATUTES <input type="checkbox"/> 990 OTHER STATUTORY ACTIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 899 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT / REVIEW OR APPEAL OF AGENCY DECISION
<b>TORTS - PERSONAL INJURY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>OTHER STATUTES - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 310 AIRPLANE <input type="checkbox"/> 315 AIRPLANE PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 320 ASSAULT, LIBEL & SLANDER <input type="checkbox"/> 330 FEDERAL EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 340 MARINE <input type="checkbox"/> 345 MARINE PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 350 MOTOR VEHICLE <input type="checkbox"/> 355 MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 360 OTHER PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 PERSONAL INJURY - MEDICAL MALPRACTICE <input type="checkbox"/> 365 PERSONAL INJURY - PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 367 PERSONAL INJURY - HEALTH CARE/ PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> 368 ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY PRODUCT LIABILITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 550 CIVIL RIGHTS - Filed by Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> 555 PRISON CONDITION(S) - Filed by Counsel	<input type="checkbox"/> 410 ANTITRUST <input type="checkbox"/> 850 SECURITIES / COMMODITIES / EXCHANGE
<b>TORTS - PERSONAL PROPERTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>FORFEITURE/PENALTY - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>OTHER STATUTES - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 370 OTHER FRAUD <input type="checkbox"/> 371 TRUTH IN LENDING <input type="checkbox"/> 380 OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY DAMAGE <input type="checkbox"/> 385 PROPERTY DAMAGE PRODUCT LIABILITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 DRUG RELATED SEIZURE OF PROPERTY 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> 896 ARBITRATION (Confirm / Vacate / Order / Modify)
<b>BANKRUPTCY - "0" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>LABOR - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 422 APPEAL 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 WITHDRAWAL 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 720 LABOR/MGMT. RELATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 740 RAILWAY LABOR ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 751 FAMILY and MEDICAL LEAVE ACT <input type="checkbox"/> 790 OTHER LABOR LITIGATION <input type="checkbox"/> 791 EMPL. RET. INC. SECURITY ACT	
<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS - "4" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	<b>PROPERTY RIGHTS - "8" MONTHS DISCOVERY TRACK</b>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 COPYRIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 840 TRADEMARK	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 PATENT	

**\* PLEASE NOTE DISCOVERY TRACK FOR EACH CASE TYPE.  
SEE LOCAL RULE 26.3**

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.Civ.P. 23    DEMAND \$\_\_\_\_\_  
 JURY DEMAND  YES  NO (CHECK YES ONLY IF DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT)

**VIII. RELATED/REFILED CASE(S) IF ANY**

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**CIVIL CASES ARE DEEMED RELATED IF THE PENDING CASE INVOLVES: (CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX)**

- 1. PROPERTY INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
- 2. SAME ISSUE OF FACT OR ARISES OUT OF THE SAME EVENT OR TRANSACTION INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
- 3. VALIDITY OR INFRINGEMENT OF THE SAME PATENT, COPYRIGHT OR TRADEMARK INCLUDED IN AN EARLIER NUMBERED PENDING SUIT.
- 4. APPEALS ARISING OUT OF THE SAME BANKRUPTCY CASE AND ANY CASE RELATED THERETO WHICH HAVE BEEN DECIDED BY THE SAME BANKRUPTCY JUDGE.
- 5. REPETITIVE CASES FILED BY PRO SE LITIGANTS.
- 6. COMPANION OR RELATED CASE TO CASE(S) BEING SIMULTANEOUSLY FILED (INCLUDE ABBREVIATED STYLE OF OTHER CASE(S)): \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. EITHER SAME OR ALL OF THE PARTIES AND ISSUES IN THIS CASE WERE PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED IN CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, WHICH WAS DISMISSED. This case  IS  IS NOT (check one box) SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME CASE.